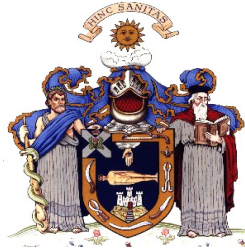


**THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH
FACULTY OF DENTAL SURGERY**



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS ON

1) The discontinuation of the Part I Examination

Part I has been removed from this examination. Candidates sitting the Part II examination will not require to pass, or have exemption from, Part I. Eligible candidates will sit the Part II examination under these regulations.

2) Discontinuation of Examination

The Membership Examination in Oral Medicine is being discontinued and the last remaining diet will be held in 2010 in Edinburgh. If there are sufficient numbers of candidates in a specific overseas centre the College will endeavour to accommodate the candidates at that centre.

**Faculty of Dental Surgery
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REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE DIPLOMA OF MEMBERSHIP IN ORAL MEDICINE (M O MED RCSED)

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INTRODUCTION

1. The Diploma of Membership in Oral Medicine of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh may be granted to those who possess a dental qualification which is acceptable to the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and who comply with the Regulations.

THE EXAMINATION

2. The Examination for the Diploma of Membership in Oral Medicine will comprise two Parts, namely; Part I (a) applied basic dental sciences, (b) applied sciences relevant to Oral Medicine; Part II Principles and Practice of Oral Medicine.

(i) **Part I of the Examination will consist of:**

- (a) applied basic dental sciences. One combined Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) paper and Multiple Short Answer (MSA) question paper of three hours duration, and a simulated clinical examination on typical basic dental problems, not exceeding 60 minutes duration. Human disease in relation to dentistry may be included;
- (b) applied sciences. One MSA question paper of three hours duration on Medicine and an oral examination of 30 minutes duration on the applied sciences relevant to the clinical practice of Oral Medicine.

(ii) **Part II of the Examination will consist of:**

- (a) a three hour written paper on human disease relevant to Oral Medicine;
- (b) a three hour written paper in Oral Medicine;
- (c) a 15 minute oral examination following a clinical examination in aspects of human disease relevant to Oral Medicine;
- (d) a 15 minute oral examination following a clinical examination in aspects of Oral Medicine;
- (e) two 30 minute oral examinations. One shall be on the subjects of human disease relevant to Oral Medicine, the other on appropriate aspects of Oral Medicine which will include discussion of the relevant current literature. Candidates will be required to bring their Record of Oral Medical Training with them to the oral examination. Details referred to in the Record of Oral Medical Training may be discussed with the candidate.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

3. Eligibility

Part I Candidates for Part I of the Examination will be expected to provide certified evidence of having gained broad experience of clinical dentistry for a minimum of two years after obtaining a primary dental qualification. One of the two years should normally have been spent in posts approved by the College for this purpose. Within the two years, experience must be obtained in more than one clinical dental discipline, with a minimum experience of at least three months duration in each selected discipline. Normally equivalent part-time experience will be acceptable if gained within a period of four years.

Part II Candidates for Part II of the Examination must have passed, or have exemption from Part I of the Examination. Award of the Membership in Oral Medicine RCSEd is dependant on evidence that the candidate will have completed a period of three years full-time (or part-time equivalent) in appropriate approved posts, courses and programmes of training. Candidates may, however, enter themselves for examination after two and a half years (or part-time equivalent). The training should preferably be continuous but in some cases breaks in training may be permitted. The total training period should not normally exceed six years. Part-time posts, courses and programmes will not normally be approved if they are less than half-time. Taught MSc degree programmes may be considered as contributory to the specialist training programme provided the programme content is apportioned approximately as follows:

Clinical	60%	Academic	25%	Research	15%
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Candidates who do not exactly fulfil the above requirements may apply for special consideration of their experience provided they submit the full details to the Examinations Department of the College.

4. Exemptions

Exemption from Part I of the M O Med RCSEd Examination will normally be limited to candidates:

- (i) who present evidence of having been successful in the Part I/Primary Examination for Fellowship in Dental Surgery/Dentistry of one of the Royal Colleges of the United Kingdom and Ireland until such time as the existing Part II Fellowship in Dental Surgery/Dentistry Examinations are discontinued; or
- (ii) who present evidence of having been successful in the Diploma of Membership of the Faculty of Dental Surgery/Dentistry of one of the Royal Colleges of the United Kingdom and Ireland; or
- (iii) who hold a degree or diploma of equivalent standard which is acceptable to the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

5. Examination dates and fees payable

Part I and II

The date of the examination and fees payable for admission are set out in the Examinations Calendar which is obtainable from the Examinations Department, The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, The Adamson Centre, 3 Hill Place, Edinburgh EH8 9DS.

Every candidate shall give notice of his/her intention to present himself/herself for examination no later than the closing date as indicated on the Examinations Calendar.

Applications for admission to the Part I Examination must be accompanied by certified evidence of experience gained in broad based dentistry for a minimum of two years and the fee payable for admission to the examination. Applications for admission to the Part II Examination must be accompanied by the certified evidence of training, the Record of Oral Medical Training and the fee payable for admission to the examination.

6. **Withdrawal from the Examination**

Candidates withdrawing from either part of the examination must do so in writing. The entrance fee may be returned, less 20% administrative charges, or transferred to the next diet of the examination where written notice is received by the College prior to the closing date for receipt of applications. Half of the entrance fee may be returned or transferred to the next diet of the examination where written notice is received not less than 21 days prior to the commencement of the examination. After that date no refund of entrance fees will normally be made to candidates who withdraw from the examination or fail to attend for any reason whatsoever. No allowance will be made for postal or other delays. Candidates who submit an application form but are subsequently found to be ineligible to enter for the examination will have their fee returned less 20% administrative charges. Candidates, who are entitled to a refund will have their monies returned on the completion of the examination for which they have entered.

7. **Conduct of the Examination**

The Council of the College may refuse to admit to an examination or to proceed with the examination of any candidate who infringes any of the Regulations or who is considered by the examiners to be guilty of behaviour prejudicial to the proper management and conduct of the examination.

CANDIDATES MUST HOLD A CERTIFICATE OF SUCCESSFUL HEPATITIS B IMMUNISATION ACCEPTABLE TO THE COLLEGE.

Candidates who desire to make representation with regard to the conduct of their examination must address them to the Examinations Department of the College and not in any circumstances to an examiner.

8. **Designation and registration**

A candidate who passes the Part II Examination shall be entitled to the designation of Member in Oral Medicine of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (M O Med RCSEd) and shall receive a diploma bearing the seal of the College signed by the President, the Dean of the Faculty of Dental Surgery and the Secretary to the College. The form of the diploma shall be as follows:

"The President and Fellows of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh hereby grant the Diploma of Membership in Oral Medicine to who has completed the required form of study and passed the necessary Examination."

Successful candidates will be granted Membership in the Faculty of Dental Surgery of the College on payment of such election fee and annual subscription as may be determined from time to time by the Council of the College. Members in the Faculty of Dental Surgery may participate in Faculty and College educational and social activities.

The M Oral Med RCSEd is not currently registrable as an additional qualification with the General Dental Council (UK) but the FDS by Assessment for holders of the M Oral Med is registrable as a recognised additional diploma.

SCOPE OF THE EXAMINATION

Candidates should have a thorough knowledge of anatomy, physiology and biochemistry and the pathological sciences including oral histopathology, immunology and microbiology fundamental to an understanding of all aspects of Oral Medicine. They should be familiar with the principles of the

aetiology, pathogenesis and prevention of oral diseases, especially as they are applied to Oral Medicine. They should also be familiar with systemic disease relevant to the practice of Oral Medicine.

Familiarity with the published literature pertinent to all aspects of Oral Medicine is essential.

Candidates should also have a knowledge of the following:

PART Ia

- (i) applied anatomy of the head and neck including dental anatomy, and radiographic anatomy;
- (ii) principles of applied physiology and biochemistry with specific reference to craniofacial growth and development, respiration, circulation, mastication, deglutition and speech;
- (iii) human disease in relation to dentistry including relevant microbiology, pathology and immunology;
- (iv) a working knowledge of the properties of dental materials.

PART Ib

Applied sciences relevant to the clinical practice of Oral Medicine:

- (i) the principles of prevention of oral diseases;
- (ii) human disease relevant to Oral Medicine;
- (iii) general Medicine relevant to Oral Medicine;
- (iv) the influences of the processes of dental development and ageing relevant to dental practice.

PART II

- (i) clinical application of the subjects defined in the Part I syllabus;
- (ii) the interrelationships of Oral Medicine and other clinical medical and dental disciplines;
- (iii) diagnosis and management of oral disease;
- (iv) principles of minor surgery with specific reference to mucosal biopsy procedures;
- (v) Oral Medicine in relation to other dental and medical specialities;
- (vi) recognition of the oral manifestations of systemic disease and an understanding of systemic disease in relation to the practice of Oral Medicine;
- (vii) detailed knowledge of the management of emergencies and resuscitation in the practice of Oral Medicine;
- (viii) management by pharmacological and non-pharmacological means of orofacial and craniomandibular pain, discomfort and dental anxiety, including the selection, prescription and administration of drugs relevant to the practice of Oral Medicine;
- (ix) medico-legal implications for the practice of Oral Medicine;
- (x) control of cross-infection including the principles and practice of sterilisation procedures;
- (xi) principles of radiography and radiology relevant to Oral Medicine;
- (xii) principles of the management of the medically compromised;

- (xiii) provision of oral medical care for special needs patients;
- (xiv) behavioural sciences, epidemiology, statistics and clinical information technology relevant to Oral Medicine;
- (xv) principles and procedures of clinical audit.

CANDIDATES SHOULD NOTE THAT THESE SYLLABII ARE INDICATIVE OF THE AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE EXPECTED OF CANDIDATES. THEY ARE NOT INTENDED TO BE EXHAUSTIVE OR TO EXCLUDE OTHER ITEMS OF KNOWLEDGE WHICH ARE OF SIMILAR RELEVANCE.

APPENDIX

Guide to Candidates
The structure of the Examination

THE EXAMINATION

The Examination of the Diploma of Membership in Oral Medicine is comprised of two Parts, namely; Part I (a) applied basic dental sciences, (b) applied sciences to Oral Medicine. Part II Principles and Practice of Oral Medicine.

(i) **Part I of the Examination will consist of:**

- (a) applied basic dental sciences. One combined Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) paper and Multiple Short Answer (MSA) question paper of three hours duration and a simulated clinical examination on typical basic dental problems, not exceeding 60 minutes duration. Human disease in relation to dentistry may be included;
- (b) applied sciences. One MSA question paper of three hours duration on Medicine and an oral examination of 30 minutes duration on the applied sciences relevant to the clinical practice of Oral Medicine.

Simulated Clinical Examination - 60 minutes duration

For this examination candidates will be presented with case histories and all relevant material including study casts, radiographs and photographs as appropriate.

Candidates will not be presented with patients for examination or treatment and practical tests will not be undertaken.

The candidates will examine the material provided and answer a series of relevant questions in relation to typical basic dental problems and human disease in relation to dentistry.

Oral Examination - 30 minutes duration

Candidates will be asked questions on the applied sciences relevant to the clinical practice of Oral Medicine.

(ii) **Part II of the Examination will consist of:**

- (a) a three hour written paper on human disease relevant to Oral Medicine;
- (b) a three hour written paper in Oral Medicine;
- (c) a 15 minute oral examination following a clinical examination in aspects of human disease relevant to Oral Medicine;
- (d) a 15 minute oral examination following a clinical examination in Oral Medicine. In each clinical examination (c and d above) the candidate will be presented with case histories and all relevant material including study casts, radiographs and photographs as appropriate. The candidate may also be presented with patients for examination but treatment and practical tests will not be undertaken. From the examination of the material provided the candidate will be expected to provide a diagnosis and formulate a treatment plan. The candidate will have 30 minutes to examine the material followed by an oral examination of 15 minutes, in each clinical examination;
- (e) two oral examinations. One shall be on the subjects of human disease relevant to Oral Medicine, the other on appropriate aspects of Oral Medicine which will include discussions of the relevant current literature. Candidates will be required to bring their Record of Oral Medical Training with them to the oral examinations. Details referred to

in the Record of Oral Medical Training may be discussed with the candidate. The Record of Oral Medical Training should illustrate that the candidate has obtained practical clinical experience in Oral Medicine procedures as indicated in the syllabus. The Record of Oral Medical Training should demonstrate that the candidate possesses the appropriate knowledge and skills required for the practice of Oral Medicine to a high standard.

NB. In each part of the examination candidates will normally be examined by two examiners.

RECORD OF ORAL MEDICAL TRAINING (LOG BOOK)

Candidates will be required to submit a log book. The purpose of the log book is to indicate to the examiners the candidate's breadth of experience in all aspects of Oral Medicine. It is expected that the majority of procedures will be carried out on out-patients. The log book should enumerate the various cases managed in which the candidate was directly involved. The log book will be signed by their trainer as confirmation of completion of the cases recorded.

Oral Medicine may be defined as the specialty of dentistry concerned with the health care of patients with acute or chronic, recurrent and medically related disorders of the oral and maxillofacial region, and with their diagnosis and medical management. It is also concerned with the investigation of the pathogenesis of these disorders leading to understanding which may be translated into clinical practice. Oral Medicine is a clinical and academic specialty that is dedicated to investigation, diagnosis, management and research into medically related oral diseases, and the oral and facial manifestations of systemic diseases.

The log book should be submitted to the College nine months before completion of the three year training programme. Candidates will be informed within four weeks whether they can continue directly with the next part of the examination or whether they will have to obtain further clinical experience. The contents of the log book will be discussed with the candidate at the oral examinations. It is the intention that the number of individual cases required should not be prescriptive. The emphasis should be on quality as defined by evidence-based outcomes.